

# QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

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## QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATISTICS.

Quarter ended 31st December, 1937.

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## 1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population (a)			Natural Increase	Migration—Increase + Decrease —		
	Males.	Females	Total.		Oversea.	Inter-state.	Total.
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
31st December, 1931	289,397	287,682	577,079	4,191	— 607	— 972	— 1,579
1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	— 363	— 987	— 1,350
1933	291,722	290,955	582,677	3,996	+ 7	— 619	— 612
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	— 32	— 1,407	— 1,439
1935	293,650	292,793	586,443	3,107	— 131	— 827	— 958
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+ 242	— 820	— 578
March Quarter, 1936	293,976	293,230	587,206	1,057	— 38	— 256	— 294
1937	294,261	294,134	588,395	1,009	— 368	— 1,558	— 1,926
June Quarter, 1936	293,988	293,305	587,293	681	— 178	— 416	— 594
1937	294,338	294,340	588,678	920	— 195	— 442	— 637
Sept. Quarter, 1936	294,160	293,696	587,856	703	+ 120	— 260	— 140
1937	294,733	294,833	589,566	741	+ 204	— 57	+ 147

NOTE.—Metropolitan Population, 31st December, 1937, 318,190, or 53·8 per cent. of State.

(a) At end of period stated.

## 2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Infantile Deaths.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year, 1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
1933.....	8,900	4,904	3,973	286
1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
1937.....	8,985	5,247	5,340	297
October, 1936.....	810	464	436	20
1937.....	707	407	499	19
November, 1936.....	725	434	377	27
1937.....	788	448	399	20
December, 1936.....	792	423	568	19
1937.....	786	358	634	24
December Quarter, 1936.....	2,327	1,321	1,381	66
1937.....	2,281	1,213	1,532	63

## 3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1937.							State 32 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Central.	Lower North	Upper North	South- East.	Wes- tern.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1937.	98 Years' Mean.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
January .....	1.76	2.34	4.45	2.30	.68	1.45	1.81	.47	2.42	.72
February .....	.76	1.31	1.00	.56	1.17	.53	.94	.67	.79	.72
March .....	.40	.35	.22	1.00	.25	.45	.40	.75	1.05	1.02
April .....	.99	1.12	.35	.74	.47	.37	.62	.91	.66	1.72
May .....	2.54	1.48	.69	3.05	1.64	1.06	1.73	1.78	3.78	2.72
June .....	2.30	1.84	1.23	.88	1.70	1.73	1.64	2.09	1.94	3.08
July .....	1.53	1.04	.70	1.86	1.44	.69	1.26	1.95	1.90	2.64
August .....	3.11	3.17	2.28	3.17	2.06	2.24	2.53	1.97	3.40	2.54
September ....	2.66	2.25	.79	3.37	1.28	1.11	1.77	1.70	2.92	2.08
October .....	.71	.50	.69	1.29	.71	1.12	.82	1.32	.54	1.74
November ....	1.32	1.71	1.97	.55	1.75	.60	1.40	.90	1.39	1.14
December ....	2.34	1.53	.83	4.55	1.17	2.64	1.97	.79	2.22	1.03
	April to November.								Jan.-Dec.	
1937.....	15.16	13.11	8.70	14.91	11.05	8.92	11.78	—	23.01	21.17
1936.....	12.84	8.88	6.46	18.04	8.48	8.77	10.16	—	19.34	—
Mean, 32 years.	16.03	12.18	8.81	19.52	11.04	10.43	12.62	12.62	—	—

## 4.—EMPLOYMENT—MONTHLY INDEX FIGURES.

(Base July, 1933 = 100.)

	October.			November.			December.		
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1935.	1936.	1937.
State Government (a)	100	104	110	101	104	112	101	106	111
Commonwealth Government ... (a)	107	112	118	107	113	118	107	114	121
Local Government (a)	99	108	113	103	107	113	138 <sub>c</sub>	131 <sub>c</sub>	111
Public Bodies ... (a)	106	105	115	107	104	111	106	104	110
Banks ... (a)	103	105	108	103	105	108	103	105	109
Life Assurance ... (a)	105	118	124	105	119	124	105	114	124
General Insurance (b)	102	105	115	102	105	117	101	105	116
Retailers ... (b)	112	112	113	115	112	115	128	125	129
Merchants (Wool, Wheat, &c.) ... (b)	128	129	143	124	129	151	123	125	134
Factories ... (b)	138	135	153	133	139	156	138	144	158

(a) Complete. (b) Returns received from representative firms only.

(c) Affected by Christmas Unemployment Relief Works.

## 5.—UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	33·8	32·0	28·3	22·0	13·6	9·4
Labour Exchange Registrations end June .....No.	23,738	20,516	16,559	13,111	10,970	8,033
Employment in Factories Index No. ....	71	80	91	104	116	122
	October.		November.		December.	
	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	—	—	9·9	6·5	—	—
Labour Exchange Registrations end month .....No.	10,468	7,200	9,625	6,918	8,759	6,290
Employment in Factories, Index No. ....	121	130	123	133	127	134

## 6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxation.	Railways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Railways (b)	Unemployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
Year, 1931-32 .....	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932-33 .....	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,061	853	11,545
1933-34 .....	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,023	632	11,170
1934-35 .....	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,065	542	11,032
1935-36 .....	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,147	490	10,965
1936-37 .....	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,324	415	11,260
1936-37 .....	1,978	1,563	3,000	11,739	4,976	2,471	375	11,600
October, 1936 .....	62	83	246	787	365	189	31	944
1937 .....	69	109	266	870	363	221	24	973
November, 1936 .....	54	76	238	815	352	187	36	857
1937 .....	60	89	253	881	363	229	29	1,038
December, 1936 .....	50	76	272	896	449	207	30	1,032
1937 .....	67	92	287	963	458	235	25	1,100
Dec. Quarter, 1936 .....	166	235	757	2,498	1,166	583	97	2,833
1937 .....	196	290	806	2,714	1,184	685	78	3,111
July-December, 1936 ...	425	518	1,416	4,844	2,474	1,149	190	5,633
1937 ...	511	567	1,588	5,180	2,492	1,291	151	5,972

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

(b) Includes Pensions for annual figures, but not for monthly.



## 7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.	Trust Funds, Bank Balances, &c.	Total Indebtedness.	Per Head.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
30th June, 1932.....	101,599,232	1,519,244	103,118,476	178 7 9
1933.....	103,707,332	1,378,540	105,085,872	180 17 9
1934.....	105,419,280	1,262,812	106,682,092	182 18 1
1935.....	105,349,536	1,008,703	106,358,239	181 17 4
1936.....	105,698,481	1,833,739	107,532,220	183 2 0
1937.....	106,594,164	2,131,201	108,725,365	184 13 11
31st December, 1936.....	107,408,267	2,293,118	109,701,385	186 5 0
1937.....	108,166,228	1,743,669	109,909,897	185 19 6

NOTE.—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

## 8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.					Advances.	Advances to Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.		Total.		
	£	%	£	%	£	£	%
June Quarter							
1932 .....	16,939,770	77·63	4,881,337	22·37	21,821,107	17,913,525	82·09
1933 .....	17,314,999	77·64	4,987,061	22·36	22,302,060	18,608,501	83·44
1934 .....	17,785,796	76·10	5,586,432	23·90	23,372,228	18,625,748	79·69
1935 .....	17,173,844	74·21	5,967,563	25·79	23,141,407	19,595,659	84·68
1936 .....	17,012,925	72·60	6,421,975	27·40	23,434,900	19,240,000	82·10
1937 .....	18,079,031	71·51	7,204,074	28·49	25,283,105	18,443,318	72·95
Dec. Quarter							
1936 .....	17,340,325	73·20	6,349,531	26·80	23,689,856	19,586,874	82·68
1937 .....	18,198,269	73·49	6,565,809	26·51	24,764,078	19,029,395	76·84

NOTE.—State and Commonwealth Banks, December Quarter 1937. Advances, £2,615,888; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £1,917,631, Not Bearing Interest, £1,419,316; Total £3,336,947.

## 9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	£	£
1931-32 .....	572,051	21,566,825	37 6 2	100,419,134	1,919,426
1932-33 .....	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34 .....	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35 .....	579,995	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36 .....	622,609	25,308,586	43 1 10	136,851,967	2,592,203
1936-37 .....	645,211	26,505,941	45 0 6	151,281,047	2,900,357
October, 1936 .....	603,164 <i>a</i>	25,455,385	43 6 1	13,097,375	2,933,767
1937 .....	649,592	26,510,498	44 19 4	13,203,514	3,121,712
November, 1936 .....	604,377 <i>a</i>	25,472,564	43 6 8	12,110,398	2,907,765
1937 .....	650,131	26,510,878	44 19 4	13,127,780	2,995,179
December, 1936 .....	604,254 <i>a</i>	25,434,449	43 5 4	13,342,470	2,882,860
1937 .....	648,898	26,357,415	44 12 0	14,811,054	3,352,535

(a) Excludes inoperative accounts in Commonwealth Bank, approximately 28,000.

## 10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
	£ Aus.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
1931-32 .....	12,247,406	9,741,000	2,821,538	6,919,462
1932-33 .....	12,816,954	10,213,000	3,760,324	6,452,676
1933-34 .....	12,749,743	10,159,000	3,679,412	6,479,588
1934-35 .....	11,834,071	9,430,000	3,965,670	5,464,330
1935-36 .....	15,381,804	12,305,000	5,419,960	6,885,040
1936-37 .....	16,695,432	13,356,000	5,443,058	7,912,942
October, 1936 .....	1,956,913	1,566,000	639,654	926,346
1937 .....	2,123,024	1,698,000	598,264	1,099,736
November, 1936 .....	1,423,050	1,138,000	502,783	635,217
1937 .....	1,283,978	1,027,000	846,501	180,499
December, 1936 .....	1,542,347	1,234,000	459,470	774,530
1937 .....	1,337,463	1,070,000	744,246	325,754
December Quarter, 1936 ....	4,922,310	3,938,000	1,601,907	2,336,093
1937 ....	3,744,465	3,795,000	2,189,011	1,605,989
July-December, 1936 .....	7,667,744	6,134,000	2,944,240	3,189,760
1937 .....	8,589,067	6,871,000	4,029,914	2,841,086

## 11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-December.	
		1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1936.	1937.
Quantities—							
Barley .....	bush.	2,605,576	2,551,888	3,360,946	2,244,126	620,046	511,800
Flour .....	ton	53,489	75,662	60,137	58,590	26,835	29,404
Wheat .....	bush.	17,638,860	24,512,433	22,669,070	16,770,811	5,402,704	6,968,302
Butter .....	lb.	8,308,420	6,299,175	7,953,012	7,291,690	4,470,069	5,618,718
Cheese .....	lb.	667,172	2,359,107	3,898,651	7,289,309	4,276,414	5,128,855
Eggs in shell .....	doz.	4,182,986	4,429,318	3,456,050	2,745,480	2,745,480	1,225,550
Lamb and mutton .....	carcases	216,535	277,173	342,813	420,824	369,678	339,196
Wool .....	lb.	58,534,898	60,687,086	65,002,965	62,465,752	38,810,786	30,404,915
Currants and raisins .....	lb.	38,082,666	31,285,956	27,504,426	25,108,575	4,664,390	8,391,299
Wine .....	gall.	2,577,660	3,009,723	3,427,516	3,673,969	2,136,604	2,009,468
Concentrates (Silver, &c.) .....	cwt.	2,616,220	2,045,528	3,749,405	2,394,585	1,222,966	1,737,045
Lead .....	cwt.	2,221,792	1,903,682	2,131,846	1,796,399	962,536	1,115,283
Values (Australian Currency)—							
Barley .....	£	294,071	345,550	353,533	432,079	67,966	96,865
Flour .....	£	295,316	487,075	422,899	558,675	224,637	294,813
Wheat .....	£	2,435,969	3,652,558	4,087,227	4,386,206	1,317,428	1,751,296
Butter .....	£	332,857	234,814	400,509	350,053	247,574	297,518
Cheese .....	£	15,743	48,922	80,851	166,122	93,421	149,510
Eggs in shell .....	£	219,721	214,141	165,892	140,542	140,542	68,441
Lamb and mutton .....	£	165,618	210,208	288,646	352,953	309,982	333,139
Wool .....	£	3,762,861	2,440,499	3,780,550	4,071,953	2,330,576	1,901,620
Currants and raisins .....	£	722,164	582,677	512,714	459,518	91,787	158,227
Wine .....	£	702,392	731,568	870,710	952,734	571,273	508,464
Concentrates (Silver, &c.) .....	£	490,202	328,525	531,685	737,060	304,083	469,477
Lead .....	£	1,297,179	1,064,765	1,759,672	2,080,903	941,057	1,098,164

## 12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-December.	
	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1936.	1937.
<b>(British Currency.)</b>						
Apparel and attire .....	£ 44,155	£ 45,256	£ 61,419	£ 62,837	£ 28,078	£ 41,628
Bags and sacks .....	343,904	209,899	312,623	315,722	254,569	235,379
Fertilisers—Rock phosphates .....	92,232	89,177	129,773	129,015	70,448	73,766
Iron and steel .....	206,435	272,807	433,653	349,685	204,232	435,625
Machines and machinery .....	179,186	287,015	601,041	730,378	350,794	547,341
Motor bodies, chassis, &c. ..	190,758	252,265	375,010	380,702	169,586	252,922
Petrol, &c. ....	331,515	249,858	417,979	433,593	247,690	279,698
Kerosene .....	50,149	47,304	68,194	62,121	32,776	66,883
Other oils in bulk .....	137,257	144,554	180,426	161,059	74,740	120,796
Paper .....	174,531	162,250	195,972	269,633	160,802	103,373
Stationery, books, &c. ....	87,749	101,366	111,022	109,701	62,437	63,748
Tea .....	128,292	115,278	111,940	121,758	67,273	69,763
Textiles, Piecegoods, &c. ...	502,474	572,587	610,588	610,263	323,410	402,791
Timber .....	183,579	215,920	274,150	175,984	118,914	297,773

### 13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. <i>a.</i>	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
	£	£	No.	No.	Tons.	1,000m.
Year 1931-32..	2,757,123	1,921,744	4,914,265	15,608,384	2,430,226	166,409
1932-33..	2,744,741	1,894,477	4,909,588	16,074,121	2,401,070	172,106
1933-34..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	175,559
1934-35..	2,669,470	2,023,918	5,080,319	16,660,213	2,346,736	177,655
1935-36..	2,890,710	2,193,457	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	189,061
1936-37..	3,021,662	2,331,334	5,606,353	17,776,629	2,400,423	205,329
Sept., 1936 ...	239,996	199,228	465,801	1,783,736	183,236	19,849
1937 ...	261,877	212,205	499,089	1,743,364	180,596	17,885
October, 1936..	246,031	188,275	465,750	1,337,187	167,921	14,444
1937..	265,761	220,569	495,778	1,426,014	188,862	14,932
November, 1936	238,317	187,547	451,806	1,298,888	164,355	13,231
1937	253,344	228,521	485,577	1,279,853	179,015	12,601
July-Nov., 1936	1,144,101	941,322	2,289,176	6,913,052	848,868	74,953
1937	1,301,098	1,055,187	2,464,328	7,046,521	956,058	73,498

*a* Excluding pensions and capital charges.

### 14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage (Revenue).
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Departmental.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32 .....	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1932-33 .....	276,764	685,430	24,585	22,429	1,009,208	283,604
1933-34 .....	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1934-35 .....	313,338	713,036	22,416	15,638	1,064,428	281,109
1935-36 .....	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
1936-37 .....	405,689	823,513	24,132	25,112	1,278,446	314,515
Sept., 1936 ....	36,564	68,295	1,750	3,288	109,897	25,971
1937 ....	37,126	74,077	2,204	3,723	117,130	26,937
October, 1936..	31,920	65,864	1,771	1,739	101,294	22,686
1937..	34,445	76,252	2,195	3,148	116,040	26,354
November, 1936	32,736	65,541	1,561	2,088	101,926	23,102
1937	33,203	72,498	2,250	3,062	111,013	25,059
July-Nov., 1936	159,980	325,594	7,958	10,053	503,585	118,906
1937	168,769	372,023	10,861	14,489	566,143	136,185



## 15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Elec- tricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1933.....	1,762	131,929	20,203	71,926
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1935.....	1,752	131,830	20,404	72,298
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
1937.....	1,916	142,689	22,087	77,209
4th October to 31st October, 1936 ..	1,825	135,419	21,954	76,377
3rd October to 30th October, 1937 ..	1,884	139,999	22,568	79,114
1st November to 28th November, 1936	1,922	144,162	22,476	78,674
31st October to 27th November, 1937	1,888	140,918	22,450	78,844
29th November to 26th December, 1936	1,986	153,584	22,473	76,464
28th November to 25th December 1937	1,987	150,640	22,461	78,756

## 16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New Vehicles—						
October.....	346	437	175	240	87	68
November .....	373	426	154	274	68	76
December .....	443	514	206	239	92	84
December Quarter .....	1,162	1,377	535	753	247	228
January-December .....	4,445	5,434	1,923	2,365	931	842
Second-Hand Vehicles—						
October .....	1,085	1,163	432	469	570	564
November .....	897	1,122	329	484	492	489
December .....	1,076	1,387	341	459	488	564
December Quarter .....	3,058	3,672	1,102	1,412	1,550	1,617
January-December .....	11,640	13,891	4,738	5,626	5,947	5,938
Renewals—						
December Quarter.....	a	6,863	a	2,757	a	1,729
Cancellations—						
December Quarter.....	2,580	2,941	857	973	1,107	969
Expirations—						
December Quarter.....	a	6,385	a	2,809	a	1,826

(a) Comparable figures not available.

## 17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a).				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Commercial Vehicles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Existing (a).	New.	Existing (a).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year ended December, 1931	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1932	46,558	12,638	9,736	68,932	3,100	48,608	15,646	43,268
1933	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1934	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1935	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1936	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
1937	56,101	21,728	10,802	88,631	5,727	56,517	20,293	105,045
October, 1936 .....	51,726	18,569	10,522	80,817	491	53,577	1,732	91,605
1937 .....	53,755	20,605	10,229	84,589	512	56,012	1,549	103,000
November, 1936 .....	52,518	18,950	10,819	82,287	518	53,823	1,533	92,526
1937 .....	54,699	21,171	10,488	86,358	510	56,261	1,412	104,317
December, 1936 .....	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	268	53,875	1,763	93,881
1937 .....	56,101	21,728	10,802	88,631	446	56,517	1,553	105,045

NOTE.—Up to March, 1937, all motor registrations automatically cancelled on 31st March each year, and a number of vehicles were not re-registered immediately. From April, 1937, vehicles can be registered at any time for either six or twelve months.

(a) At end of period stated.

## 18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Tons.	Prime.	Prime.	Prime.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
October, 1936 .....	4 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 16 9	9 10 0	21 0	21 0
1937 .....	4 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 5 0	11 8 9	24 9	22 9
November, 1936 ....	4 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 16 3	9 13 3	19 6	20 9
1937 ....	4 5	3 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 2	2 6 6	10 3 9	22 0	21 6
December, 1932 ....	2 8	2 1	1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 12 6	8 11 3	11 0	10 3
1933 ....	2 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	1 11 3	11 0 0	14 0	15 0
1934 ....	2 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 8 0	8 3 3	13 9	14 6
1935 ....	3 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 10	1 10	1 17 6	9 16 3	18 9	17 3
1936 ....	5 1	4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 10 0	8 17 6	21 9	21 0
1937 ....	4 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 4	2 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2 9	10 16 3	20 9	20 9

## 19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.		Amount Realised.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
	Bales.	Lbs.	£	d.	Bales.
Year, 1931-32 .....	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6-88	14,065
1932-33 .....	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7-32	4,212
1933-34 .....	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13-96	20,045
1934-35 .....	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8-14	4,815
1935-36 .....	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11-92	5,029
1936-37 .....	257,300	80,350,616	4,601,851	13-66	4,040
October, 1936 .....	33,415	10,544,813	542,867	12-32	93,124
1937 .....	27,503	8,737,123	452,185	12-41	111,535
November, 1936 .....	34,709	10,657,762	634,772	14-20	89,606
1937 .....	26,304	8,240,349	369,870	10-76	119,370
December, 1936 .....	32,942	10,128,028	609,207	14-37	64,923
1937 .....	26,621	8,132,238	365,733	10-79	101,234
December Quarter, 1936 .....	101,066	31,330,603	1,786,846	13-62	64,923
1937 .....	80,428	25,109,710	1,187,788	11-35	101,234
July-December, 1936 .....	156,976	49,479,045	2,662,145	12-86	64,923
1937 .....	140,135	44,389,716	2,342,401	12-62	101,234

## 20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2lbs.	Flour, 25lbs.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 14lbs.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October, 1936 .....	5-00	4-05a	28-65	5-95	15-20	11-65	9-57b	6-00	7-50
1937 .....	5-50	4-60a	27-85	5-95	18-20	13-90	5-32b	6-85	8-05
November, 1936 ...	5-00	4-15a	27-80	5-95	16-20	12-70	12-43b	5-85	7-35
1937 ...	5-50	4-60a	27-85	5-95	18-20	13-85	5-71b	6-45	7-90
December, 1932 ...	3-80	32-45	21-55	6-00	14-10	8-60	9-83	5-40	6-00
1933 ...	4-95	44-05	25-80	5-80	14-65	8-95	15-50	6-10	6-20
1934 ...	3-95	32-35	27-50	5-70	16-80	10-78	23-17	5-75	6-80
1935 ...	4-95	44-90	27-40	5-60	17-00	8-95	14-75	5-95	6-70
1936 ...	5-00	4-20a	27-80	5-95	17-10	13-10	13-71b	5-80	7-50
1937 ...	5-00	4-35a	27-85	5-85	19-00	14-25	7-86b	6-25	7-85

a For 2lbs.

b For 7lbs.

## 21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE).

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	October.		November.		December.	
	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
Food and groceries .....	795	839	804	833	813	829
	Year.				December. Quarter.	
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
Food and groceries .....	767	780	798	825	804	834
Housing (four and five rooms) .....	700	736	795	—	805	—
Food, groceries, and housing—						
Four and five rooms .....	742	764	796	—	802	—
All houses (a) .....	1,275	1,299	1,341	1,397	1,358	1,417
All items (b) .....	806	820	839	859	838	871

(a) Base ; six capitals, 1911 = 1,000.

(b) " All items " ; food, groceries, housing (four and five rooms), clothing, and miscellaneous expenditure.

## 22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		Additions.	Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£			
Year, 1931 .....	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000
1932 .....	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909
1933 .....	203	166,862	69	195,686	179,273	541,821	144,000
1934 .....	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161
1935 .....	685	616,133	197	416,834	270,190	1,303,157	91,187
1936 .....	917	714,923	194	236,522	279,707	1,231,152	345,689
1937 .....	1,308	1,039,036	195	430,414	319,963	1,789,413	68,099
October, 1936 .....	100	96,166	21	8,270	23,105	127,541	11,863
1937 .....	149	104,010	19	12,563	29,960	146,533	10,396
November, 1936 .....	89	65,546	12	12,163	28,364	106,073	33,258
1937 .....	116	98,220	21	11,805	41,918	151,943	5,411
December, 1936 .....	85	60,859	11	32,835	15,870	109,564	388
1937 .....	53	48,118	17	66,215	19,467	133,800	13,692
December Quarter, 1936 .....	274	222,571	44	53,268	67,339	343,178	45,509
1937 .....	318	250,348	57	90,583	91,345	432,276	29,499



**23.—SALES TAX.**

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.				Taxable and Exempt Goods.			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Year.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Year.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1931.....	840	1,033	930	11,558	1,860	2,197	2,155	25,355
1932.....	1,056	943	927	11,159	2,360	2,417	2,395	26,577
1933.....	880	892	872	10,377	2,007	2,231	2,303	26,197
1934.....	823	945	927	10,014	1,932	3,595	2,179	26,243
1935.....	1,008	1,058	1,038	11,124	2,377	2,570	2,611	28,414
1936.....	1,045	1,006	1,015	11,909	2,461	2,564	2,731	29,901
1937.....	1,149	1,146	1,285	12,587	3,101	3,022	3,473	35,696

Numerous commodities were exempted from tax as from 1st September, 1932, 26th October, 1933, 1st August, 1934, 25th October, 1935, and 26th September, 1936. Consequently many traders dealing exclusively in exempt goods ceased to supply returns and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the records has been progressively reduced. The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for this fact.

**24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, &c.**

Period.	Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered—Real Estates.		Land Transferred.
	Companies.	Authorised Capital.	Loans.	Discharges.	
	No.	£	£	£	£
Year 1931.....	122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076	6,355,100
1932.....	115	2,119,500	4,389,999	2,500,727	4,574,025
1933.....	156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376	4,849,176
1934.....	139	2,335,485	4,060,222	3,769,315	5,708,100
1935.....	150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313	7,036,500
1936.....	99	1,488,200	5,993,845	4,076,106	8,368,200
1937.....	157	3,939,900	7,044,973	4,798,819	9,773,250
October, 1936.....	10	101,000	431,906	306,143	647,750
1937.....	14	111,000	523,288	427,555	754,475
November, 1936.....	9	164,500	476,590	253,005	628,650
1937.....	11	246,000	719,230	473,293	868,875
December, 1936.....	12	420,000	370,476	311,070	541,700
1937.....	12	194,000	638,197	357,450	769,250
Dec. Quarter, 1936.....	31	685,500	1,278,972	870,218	1,818,100
1937.....	37	551,000	1,880,715	1,258,298	2,392,600

## 25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, &c.).

Period.	Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
	No.	No.	£	£	£
Year 1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
1933.....	282	570	1,339,435	1,061,860	277,575
1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
1935.....	357	597	1,376,855	753,528	623,327
1936.....	351	549	1,964,626	1,420,209	544,417
1937.....	228	468	1,547,794	1,143,739	404,055
October, 1936 .....	11	28	104,776	45,835	58,941
1937 .....	7	28	85,767	54,370	31,397
November, 1936.....	10	27	38,254	23,609	14,645
1937.....	2	31	55,452	50,074	5,378
December, 1936.....	12	28	96,121	64,762	31,359
1937.....	8	30	58,216	37,533	20,683
Dec. Quarter, 1936 .....	33	83	239,151	134,206	104,945
1937 .....	17	89	199,435	141,977	57,458

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

## 26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.

Period.	Butter (lbs.).			Cheese (lbs.).		
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1935.	1936.	1937.
<b>In Factories.</b>						
September ....	1,850,860	1,976,475	2,182,306	937,742	1,355,123	1,637,145
October .....	2,458,672	2,468,607	2,662,666	1,063,195	1,770,574	2,100,429
November ....	2,109,159	1,962,219	2,022,594	1,061,467	1,573,670	1,838,089
December ....	1,642,062	1,604,411	1,797,833	795,113	1,387,098	1,606,989
July-December	10,885,504	10,620,655	11,538,301	5,101,624	7,747,000	8,989,087
<b>Year.</b>	<b>1934-35.</b>	<b>1935-36.</b>	<b>1936-37.</b>	<b>1934-35.</b>	<b>1935-36.</b>	<b>1936-37.</b>
<b>In Factories ..</b>	<b>14,157,280</b>	<b>17,017,490</b>	<b>16,742,961</b>	<b>6,648,281</b>	<b>8,103,243</b>	<b>12,013,869</b>
<b>On Farms ....</b>	<b>4,355,949</b>	<b>3,946,815</b>	<b>3,761,004</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Total ....</b>	<b>18,513,229</b>	<b>20,964,305</b>	<b>20,503,965</b>	<b>6,649,661</b>	<b>8,103,663</b>	<b>12,013,971</b>

## 27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS (for home consumption).

Period.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
October-December, 1936 ...	8,339	6,377	14,214	75,365	83,878	13,250
1937 ...	7,737	6,580	12,076	67,120	75,594	10,021
January-December, 1934 ...	33,111	12,257	35,286	304,524	278,952	35,258
1935 ...	31,295	19,252	39,447	300,396	283,692	35,394
1936 ...	33,280	21,138	45,710	295,910	287,665	43,216
1937 ...	35,734	24,007	45,635	291,487	285,019	40,183

## 28.—ELECTRICITY.

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In 1,000 British Units).

Year Ended November.				Quarter Ended November.	
1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
57,973,615	52,720,937	58,081,989	66,894,123	20,260,551	23,893,935
1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
77,193,245	90,403,543	104,510,754	123,347,106	27,042,227	32,520,725

## 29.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.

Item.	Unit.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Wheat .....	acres	3,821,795	3,188,225	2,989,490	3,058,457	63,200,000
	bush.	35,373,466	27,455,600	31,615,744	28,714,653	638,000,000
	average.	9.26	8.61	10.58	9.39	6 11.88
Barley .....	acres	307,423	316,807	393,741	304,559	6400,000
	bush.	5,254,280	5,682,923	6,493,983	4,260,462	6700,000
	average.	17.09	17.94	16.49	13.99	6 16.75
Oats.....	acres	265,074	367,192	299,771	414,723	6400,000
	bush.	2,087,772	2,412,117	2,380,908	2,363,806	62,600,000
	average.	7.88	6.57	7.94	5.70	6 6.50
Hay .....	acres	507,248	561,071	566,064	539,127	6540,000
	tons	539,846	571,133	586,658	501,003	6565,000
	average.	1.06	1.02	1.04	0.93	6 1.05
Manures used						
Crops ....	tons	148,923	139,723	147,854	161,654	—
Pastures ..	tons	10,066	17,466	26,739	46,399	—
Cattle .....	No.	352,728	346,479	335,354	328,013	—
Horses .....	No.	196,789	198,765	197,368	200,870	—
Sheep .....	No.	7,941,060	7,884,919	7,945,745	7,905,112	—
Pigs .....	No.	91,573	86,297	93,458	85,048	—
Sheep Shorn ..	No.	8,111,296	8,131,202	8,091,682	7,940,476	—
Wool Clip ....	lbs.	67,668,282	68,547,294	70,912,985	66,743,386	—
Wool Prodn. (a)	lbs.	79,288,903	77,790,933	81,709,440	76,604,296	—
Ewes Mated ..	No.	3,304,532	3,408,561	3,408,758	3,519,568	63,500,000
Lambs Marked	No.	2,051,130	1,875,296	2,049,514	2,079,426	62,550,000
Wine—						
Beverage....	galls.	6,384,481	7,123,893	7,745,622	7,434,170	—
Distillation .	galls.	4,647,531	5,791,012	5,277,965	7,592,332	—
Total ....	galls.	10,032,012	12,914,905	13,023,587	15,026,502	—
Currants .....	cwts.	160,356	185,173	117,415	161,858	—
Raisins .....	cwts.	249,603	244,679	210,166	227,631	—
Apples .....	bush.	1,002,124	800,768	939,240	841,504	—
Oranges.....	bush.	582,602	638,314	645,291	654,889	—
Factories						
Establishments	No.	1,733	1,803	1,895	61,960	—
Hands ...	No.	29,486	33,497	38,471	641,400	—
Wages, &c.	£	4,907,335	5,733,865	6,694,151	67,600,000	—
Output ...	£	22,919,297	25,699,172	31,904,091	636,300,000	—
Production						
Value...	£	8,641,477	9,557,113	11,669,705	612,500,000	—
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	35,154	40,282	44,732	48,800	—
	£	3,778,179	3,923,587	4,579,921	5,395,553	—

*a* Including wool on skins.

*b* Estimated.